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Seasonal conditions in Anantapur district.

* 749 *Q.*—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any report by the Collector of Anantapur district about the adverse seasonal conditions has been received by the Government since 1st January 1953; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) Reports are being received from the Collector of Anantapur periodically.

" (*b*) Six District Board works, two Tank Improvemet works, 53 Rural Water Supply works, 12 Minor Irrigation works, 19 others and one Upper Pennar Project work are in progress to provide employment. One hundred and forty-seven gruel centres are running at present and proposals are on hand for deepening wells and for supply of water by lorries. Proposals for remission of land revenue are under the consideration of the Government."

Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore.

* 750 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state when the new block constructed in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore, Madras, will be opened for the patients?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY:—" The new block was opened on 1st May 1953."

Memorandum from the peasants of Madukkarai village, Coimbatore district.

* 751 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIANDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the peasants of Madukkarai village in Coimbatore district, regarding their unemployment on account of the supply of clay to the Cement Factory at Madukkarai by lorries; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. A representation was made to Government in October 1952.

" (*b*) The request was remitted to the Company for sympathetic consideration. But the Company regretted that since it had taken over the work departmentally, it could not utilize the services of bullock carts."